

MAY 10 2004

OFFICIAL

Patent

In the United States Patent and Trademark Office

Application No. 09/865,942

Confirmation No. 7909

Applicant: Wilson Tam *et al*

Filed: May 25, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1711

Examiner: Duc Truong

Docket No. CL-1253 US DIV

Customer No.: 23906

Preliminary Amendment

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior Application Serial No. 09/865,942, filed May 25, 2001, received a Notice of Allowance dated February 9, 2004. The Notice of allowance was issued in response to a "Response to Office Action" filed by Applicant on January 13, 2004.

Attached to the "Response to Office Action" was an "Appendix A" in which Applicant set forth the status of the pending claims. Subsequent to Applicant's receiving the Notice of Allowance based on the pending claims set forth in Appendix A, Applicant discovered on May 7, 2004, that Claim 11 inadvertently omitted a clause to define the value of A^1 . In addition, Claim 20, line 7, inadvertently included the value $CdCL_2$ in the Markush Group of Lewis acids. Several other minor typographical errors in the claims were also noted.

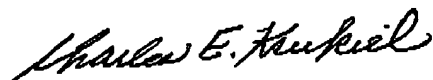
Since the deadline for payment of the issue fee would expire on May 10, 2004, Applicant has elected to file a continuation application and this Preliminary Amendment to correct the inadvertent errors discovered in the claims.

Application No. 09/865,942
Art Unit 1711, Examiner Truong
Docket No. CL-1253 US DIV
January 13, 2004
Page No. 2

Claims 11-14, 16, 18-21 and 34 remain active in this Application. A complete listing of all claims showing the status thereof is set forth in Revised **Appendix A** (pages 3 - 7). Please amend the claims accordingly.

By Applicant's calculation, no fees other than the filing fee, are due by reason of this amendment to the claims. If, however, any fee other than or in addition to the filing fee is required to authorize or obtain consideration of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 09-1928.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles E. Krukiel
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 27,344
Telephone: (302) 999-3708
Facsimile: (302) 999-4693

May 10, 2004
[Date]